WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of December 2018. Present for the meeting were Thomas Hetrick, Steve Eberly, Brian Jordan and Nancy Litzenberger. Also, in attendance are Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Sharon Hutchison, John Comer, Becky Ehler, John Kuiper.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Steve Eberly, Commissioner President.
- 2. Steve Eberly, Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Highway Department Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, stated that bridge #36 paperwork should be finished soon, but we need to choose a color for the bridge. The choses are rusty red, light blue or green which are the most common colors. The bridge is presently green. The Commissioners suggested light green. Hobaugh stated that Susan Kemp, INDOT, is working on the Bridge #36 final tracing. The County match is \$602,506.73. The total cost for bridge #36 is \$1,774,591.00. The County match will be used from the Cumulative Bridge fund which has a balance of approximately \$1,152,000. Matt Herndon, Highway Department Supervisor, stated that the transmission has been replace on the grader. Brian Jordan inquired about the delivery date of the 2019 dump trucks. Herndon stated that they have been ordered and the delivery date is July. Eberly congratulated Herndon and Hobaugh for all of their hard work over the year, especially how good their response is to taxpayers.

4. New Business:

- a. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 meetings minutes and executive meeting with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed.
- b. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 thru December 17, 2018 accounts payable claim dockets with a second from tom Hetrick, all voted in favor and the claim dockets were signed.
- b. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the December 7, 2018 payroll dockets with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor and the payroll dockets were signed.
- c. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor, presented the Employee Contracts for 2019. These were prepared by County Attorney, Nancy Litzenberger for Russ Haddock Custodian, Kuiper Zoning Director, John Kuiper Animal Control, Trudy Garrett Extension Custodian, Matt Herndon Highway Department Superintendent and County Ambulance Service. Jordan discussed with EMS contract with Adam Hanthorne, Commissioner Elect, concerning the possibly of signing a first quarter contract with the hospital. Jordan stated his concern with the employee's not being paid if their contracts are not signed. Jordan stated that there is an Executive Session December 18th to interview for County Attorney and the Council is invited. Tom Hetrick made a motion to wait until the beginning of the year for all contracts, no one seconded the motion. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the 2019 employee contracts due to the lapse in contract if not signed with a second from Steve Eberly, Brian and Steve voted in favor and Tom opposed. Eberly suggested reviewing all county contracts with new County Attorney. The EMS contract was discussed. Eberly suggested a quarterly extension and due to the situation of the County Attorney have Barce & Adams create the new contract. Jordan suggested extending the 2018 contract into the first quarter or 30 days to give the Commissioner's time to rework the 2019 EMS contract. Hetrick discussed the changes with Nancy Litzenberger, County Attorney. The Commissioners requested Litzenberger to change the current contract for 2019 to reflect the first quarter as well as the current appropriation of \$350,000/year. The meeting will be on Dec 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this further.
- 5. Elected Official/Department Head comments: No Comments
- 6. Public Comment: Charity Shettle stated that with the new hearing machine, we will need to have people who comment, come to the microphone so that she can better hear them.

Next Commissioner meeting will December 18th at 6:00 p.m. Executive Session and December 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for an open meeting to discuss the EMS contract and County Attorney.

There being no further business Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor.

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